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- On 22 August 1949, Soviet officers led by General Zinyev, and leading officials of the Central Committee of the KPOe met at Klosterneuburg to discuss preparations of billets for 830 Soviet troops southeast of Tulin by 3 October.
- The KPOs was also ordered to take the Austrian gendarmerie under surveillance effective 1 October, and was made responsible for security measures and traffic control upon the arrival of the Soviet troops. Measures were designed to isolate the U.S. airfield at Tulln and to close the West Sectors of Vienna against the Soviet Sector, and the Western Zones of Austria against the Soviet Zone. Similarly, the KPOe was instructed to prepare a ring-like blockade of the entire city of Vienna.
- Although the source made no mention of it, the above measures are evidently in-3. tended to harmer the Austrian elections of 9 October.

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